

U.S. Deplores Viet Riots, Official Says

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Washington, Aug. 24 — The state department today deplored the riots of South Vietnamese students against their government.

Department Spokesman Robert J. McCloskey said that while the motivations for the riots were not clear in the department, they were bad because they hampered the war against the Communists.

Of Divisive Nature

"Obviously, anything of a divisive nature is neither in the interest of the Viet Nam government or its people," McCloskey said.

He said that the United States "fully recognizes the need for national unity in South Viet Nam and therefore supports President [Nguyen] Khanh's government as the best means of building such unity at the same time as the war effort is being prosecuted."

The riots over the week-end, according to dispatches received here, have taken on both an anti-Khanh and anti-American tone.

No Yank Injuries

At Da Nang, for example, about 1,000 students attacked an American enlisted men's billet. Altho one native woman was killed, no American injuries were reported.

After anti-government riots in the capital of Saigon, pro-government youths counter-demonstrated at a youth center there.

McCloskey also had some comment on a report released by the state department after it learned it was going to be published by THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE in Sunday's editions.

The report, written by Willard Matthias of the board of

national estimates of the central intelligence agency, according to state department officials, drew a very dark picture of South Viet Nam.

Doubt of Victory

"There remains serious doubt that victory can be won," the report said, and added that some "kind of negotiated settlement based upon neutralization" could be a solution.

McCloskey said that "studies and analyses of this kind are frequently written within the government. Such a paper is not nor does it purport to be a statement on policy on any of the subjects which discusses."

He said the document had never been discussed by the United States intelligence board, the Viet Nam task force nor any principal officers of the department of state or defense.